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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on August 13, 2002, applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 18 and 32. Please add new claim 34. Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 33 as follows.

1. (Three Times Amended) A compound having the formula:

(YN)-(spacer)-(amidine or guanidine group)